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Auditors Complex, Annex Building 2  
Corners of Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW  
and 14th Street SW  
Washington  
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-524-B

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Auditors Complex, Annex Building 2		HABS NO. DC-524-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE South Outbuilding and Old Laundry		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Corners of Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW and 14th Street SW, Washington, D.C.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1902 (Source: Sprague)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James Knox Taylor (Source: Sprague)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Owned throughout its existence by Federal Government and designed by one of the four architects of Main Auditors Complex (original Bureau of Printing and Engraving), Annex 2 was built as a laundry for the cleaning of rag goods required for the high-quality currency printing that took place in the Main Auditors Building. By 1920, the building also was used to store (cont'd)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial/utilitarian style, with exterior decorative elements of Flemish, vernacular styled end gables and dormers.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Granite base and brick masonry walls. Structural system is concrete and masonry flat-arch. Windows and doors are wooden and window openings are segmented by brick arches.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Long, narrow two story building with gabled roof and eaves with projecting shaped rafter-ends. Overall dimensions are 40' X 350'. See floor plans under HABS No. DC-524		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Flemish, vernacular-styled end gables, dormers, and squat towers, as well as upper roof eaves. Distinguished by projecting shaped rafter-ends.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior brick surfaces left plain or painted, exposed steel roof trusses, paneled wood wainscoting and ceiling in north ground floor room. See floor plans under HABS No. DC-524 AUDITORS COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDINGS		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Only minimal changes in the form of window and door alterations have taken place. The portion that presently is occupied dates, in its interior finishes, from the late 1950's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Present structural condition generally is good, but west-end has been vacant for more than a decade and suffers from cumulative lack of maintenance. Building partially occupied by GSA and Holocaust Memorial Council file cabinets.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Hardware and decorative features are utilitarian metal. Flooring is concrete and wall and ceiling finish, exposed masonry. Building lies on east-west axis and spans between 14th and 15th Streets. Its narrowness is accentuated by virtue of its close proximity to its flanking buildings, namely Main Auditors and Annex 1.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register. See bibliography and also Paul Sprague's "Historic Structures Report" for more complete information and photographs (report in possession of GSA Region 3) See HABS No. DC-524 AUDITORS COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDINGS and HABS No. DC-524-A AUDITORS (cont'd)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Anna R. Cohn, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council		DATE May 2, 1985

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Significance: printing equipment. By 1950, however, Annex 2 was used exclusively for GSA storage.

Sources of Information: COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDINGS 1 AND 1/A for more information on the complex.